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LETTER DATED 21 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter of 17 January (S/22097) and in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 678 (1990), I have the honour to inform you on behalf of my Government that the armed forces of the United Kingdom in association with those of other States co-operating with the Government of Kuwait have continued their military action pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of resolution 678 (1990).

The United Kingdom's objectives are as before to bring about Iraq's full and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait and the restoration of the legitimate Government of Kuwait, and re-establish international peace and security in the area, and to uphold the authority of the United Nations.

Operations by United Kingdom forces have involved aerial attacks on Iraqi installations supporting Iraq's capacity to sustain its illegal occupation of Kuwait. The instructions issued to our pilots are to avoid causing civilian casualties so far as possible. British commanders have also been briefed on the locations and significance of sites of religious and cultural importance in Iraq, and operations will take account of this.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) D. H. A. HANNAY

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